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SUBJECT: REPLY TO BG TEFERI BANTE'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD
ON INDEPENDENCE DAY.

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
TO BRIGADIER GENERAL TEFERI BANTE, CHAIRMAN OF THE PRO-
VISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF ETHIOPIA :
QTE: DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: -
YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF
OUR INDEPENDENCE AS A NATION SYMBOLIZES THE CLOSE FRIEND-
SHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH HAVE LONG CHARACTERIZED RELA-
TIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLE.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD END QTE.

2. FYI - THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY THE WHITE
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HOUSE ON JULY 4:

"HIS EXCELLENCY MR. GERALD R.FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON D.C.

"ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA AND ON MY OWN BEHALF I EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THROUGH YOU TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MY SINCERE FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR COUNTRY. I WOULD LIKE ALSO TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY'S CONTINUED WELLBEING AND EVERGROWING PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY FOR YOUR GREAT AND FRIENDLY COUNTRY. HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

BRIGADIER GENERAL TEFERI BANTE, CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF ETHIOPIA."

3. NO PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO RELEASE THESE MESSAGES IN WASHINGTON, BUT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION SF ETHIOPIANS WISH TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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